

President's Message

Karen Niemeyer

Any time is a good time for reading, but at Thorntown Public Library I combine reading and gourds whenever I can. In 2004, as we were finishing the remodeling and expansion of our 1914 Carnegie from 3400 to 14,000 square feet, we suffered some leaks before all flashing had been completed. Ever the conservative one, I saved all the damaged ceiling tiles, painted them with Kilz, and then had youth paint them for various places in the library. I left the new tiles in the storage room and installed the decorated ones in three areas of the library. My own covered a typical 24" tile as well as one cut to fit a special space in the youth room ceiling. The book reads "Gourd Culture Chapter 1." (See photo, p. 4.)

In Thorntown I have a new neighbor Jacob, who is nine years old. As a welcome gift I took him a gourd cut as a bird house. In early August he visited the library's young adult collection, while formerly he had remained in an area set aside for grades 3-5. He summoned me to ask if that ceiling gourd was one I had painted, and I felt he was very bright to connect those dots. My county fair prize-winning six gourds were on my desk so I showed him what I had done with those gourds. I am thinking that he, his mom, and I may need to have a decorating session soon. I had actually brought the gourds in to show to our gourd patch meeting of August 2 and to issue a challenge—they had not submitted gourds for the July Boone County Fair Open Show competition. A few years ago we show directors had created "Gourds" as a special class within the Arts, Crafts & Hobbies department, and next year I want some competition!

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Membership Meeting

October 21, 10 a.m. ET

Fulton County Historical Museum

37 E 375 N

Rochester, IN 46975

(directly on Rt 31, north of Rochester about 4 miles)

Meeting plus review of the site for the state show

2017 State Fair Champion
Central Indiana Gourd Patch



CHANGE OF VENUE

IGS State Show

May 4-5, 2018

Setup on May 3, 2018

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PATCH NEWS

Central Indiana Patch (Diane Werblo, contact)

In June our group was Melanie Blakley, Michelle Fife's husband (who dropped off her ISF entries early and some shards), RoJene Gillentine, Jean Long, Mac McCrary, Sandra & Tim Townsend, and Diane Werblo. We chose who entered what in ISF. Sandra Townsend came to Garfield Park Arts Center (GPAC) on 7/18 to help Mac and me teach 14 Paint-A-Palooza Day Campers how to marbleize gourds. In 3-4 hours we went through about 80! Some of the kids REALLY got into it. In July the usual suspects brought in gourd entries and shards for the ISF. On 8/22 we will return entries and distribute ribbons. Sandra Townsend will show us how to dye gourd seeds. CIP of IGS meets on the 4th Tuesday each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. ET at the GPAC on the 3rd floor.

Sugar Creek and Thorn Tree Gourd Patches (Karen Niemeyer, contact)

Approximately six to twelve gourd enthusiasts meet at the Thorntown Public Library on Wednesdays to craft on and learn about gourds. Visitors are welcome at any session but planning for supplies is expedited if Karen receives a phone call at 765-436-7348. The Sugar Creek Patch meets from 6-8 p.m. ET on the first and third Wednesdays, while the Thorn Tree Patch meets from 2-4: p.m. ET on the second and fourth Wednesdays. The group is planning on starting a quilt of 4" gourd squares but will limit their expectations to a gourd wall hanging rather than a full size bed quilt. After experimenting with their own squares on August 9 and subsequent sessions, they plan to offer squares to other IGS members who might want to participate in the project. On August 16 each person will bring a gourd bowl and learn to use air-dried clay to make rims or decorative features. On August 23 the groups will meet to use acrylic paints on small gourds to paint a black cat over a pumpkin in the style submitted by Annette Knox with the state fair competition gourds. On September 6 participants will cut gourds to make Guy Shutt bird feeders as pictures in the July-August issue of *The Tendril*, and hope on September 13 and 20 to make Delaina Dehaven-style gourd lamps or work on their own projects. On October 4 and 11 rocking horse Christmas ornaments will be cut and painted; Karen bought hers at her first Ohio gourd show in October 1996. Various gourd snowmen, either flat or three-dimensional, will be crafted on October 18 and 25, while November and December meetings will be reserved for finishing any of the above projects or "do your own thing," as gourders finish gourd gifts for seasonal giving. At any session participants may DYOT rather than join in the project planned for that session.

Lakeshore Gourders (Loretta Pressel, contact)

The LAKESHORE GOURDERS meet once a month on the third Tuesday at 10 a.m. CT. Alice Pawalowski has resigned as our leader. We thank her for her many years of Leadership. We elected new officers as follows: Chairperson, Sherry Benedict, co-Chairperson, Blanche Murrin, secretary and IGS contact, Loretta Pressel. During the year we will be meeting at Blanche's Barn, Westville, for the months of June, July, August, September and October. We will meet at Salem Chapel United Methodist Church, LaPorte, for the months of January, February, March, April and November. Host/Hostess will be handled by different members for each month, as well as the demonstrations. Every month we learn something new and exciting. Each member can have a try at something they might never have thought of doing. We always have good food and the fellowship is fabulous. Laughs are plentiful. We currently have 15 members. Our newest is Beverly Gerner; she drives all the way from Angola. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is August 22. I know that is not the third Tuesday but we have a conflict on that date. Ron Pressel will do a demo on wood burning design on a dipper gourd. Lora and Jerry Miller will host the meeting. Hope everyone's gourds are growing great. Remember always to have a "gourd day."

Pendleton Art Center

Carolyn Rushton will be the featured artist at the Pendleton Art Center for October, it is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 11 a.m. ET to 4 p.m. ET beginning October 7.

Request from 2018 IGS State Show Chairperson

Fall is quickly approaching and plans are being put together for our 2018 IGS State Show which will be on May 4 and 5, 2018, at the Fulton County Historical Museum on SR 31 between Plymouth and Rochester, Indiana. The address is 37 E 375 N, Rochester, Indiana 46975.

We need your help to make the Show FUN and successful. We are looking for class teachers and people who can give us some of their time helping put the show together, or who will be able to give us some help at the Show as a volunteer. We need people with fresh ideas to step up and help us. Your ideas do matter. Please let me know if I can count on your support.

If anyone would like to teach a class in May, please send classes for consideration to me by the middle of September so we can get our selections made and put in the Show book ASAP. Please send a picture and description of your class to me. If anyone is looking to learn a particular skill, please let us know and we will try to find someone to teach that technique. Bonnie Gibson is a tentative teacher and guest at our next Show. There is also a 2-day Retreat with Bonnie being planned for shortly after the Show. If anyone wants more info on the Retreat please let me know. The Retreat will be in Westville, Indiana on May 7th and 8th.

As the new 2018 Show Chair, I need the support of all our members. I am looking for new ideas for our Show so any suggestions will be welcome. I am asking for your help and looking forward to working with everyone to make our next Show Fun and memorable. Please consider being a part of it.

Hope everyone is having a great summer.

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Best of Show
Marshall Co. 4-H Fair, July, 2017
Sherry Benedict
Lakeshore Gourders,

Fractal Burning Warning

The American Association of Woodturners has issued a warning about fractal burning. Several woodturners have been killed by their equipment. This burning technique uses very high voltages to arc to the work and produce lightning-like designs. Read more about the ban at <http://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/news/woodworking-industry-news/death-prompts-ban-fractal-burning> — thanks to Mary Gayle VanIngen for the information.

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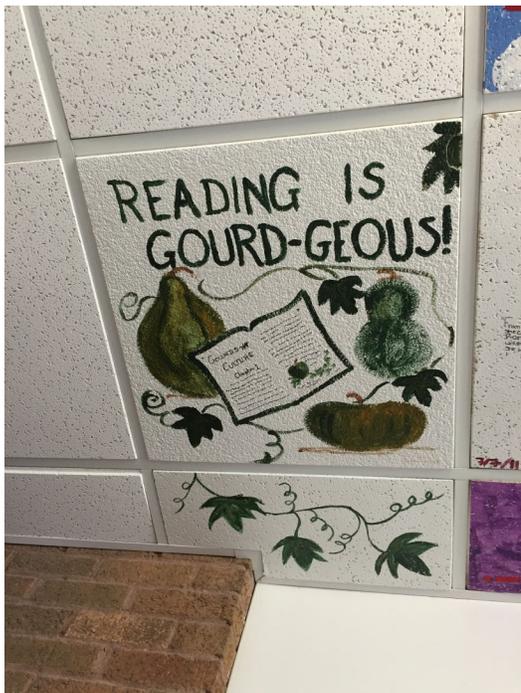
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Up to four gourds may be entered in the “gourds” class, and others may be entered as Christmas decorations or “Do Your Own Thing.” The Indiana State Fair will be history when this issue has been published. The eighteen items from Thorntown were delivered by local artists Ardie Bowles and Sandra Townsend on August 2, so let the competition begin! Readers, please mark the state fair on your calendars for 2018, as we need many volunteers to cover 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET booth-sitting for 17 days. Even if you are not yet a gourd expert, you may distribute information about the IGS and its activities and make note of questions to be answered by someone else. It may be possible to pair you with an “expert,” so do not be afraid to volunteer.

On a slightly different note, I watched tractor square dancing on July 27 and encourage you to do so if you ever get the chance. This group from Ohio has been dancing for 23 years and uses four Farmall tractors, two John Deere and two Allis Chalmers. Four of the 8 drivers assume the female role of the dancing pairs and wheels come with inches of each other as the caller sings out with the recorded music. The 45-minute program was a hoot and used MASH as their inspiration for attire!

Do you ever think about what one tool you would not want to be without? For me, that is Channellocks, a groove joint straight jaw plier. It opens plastic apple juice (and other) caps with ease, helps you yank on dried gourd vines, and even pounds nails into walls for picture hanging. They (I have sizes small, medium and large) are not terribly helpful at screwing mollies into walls but could be pressed into service in a pinch. My second most favorite tool is a pair of plain old dark brown cotton gardening gloves, and I have noticed they are not as easy to find these days but are still available.



I made a terrible mistake in July and ended up paying \$12.00 for a really ugly dark gray cap. It still frosts me that I arrived to work my first food service shift at the Boone County Fair and was told I had to wear a hair net, visor, or cap. I struck off across the fairgrounds and bought the first cap I could find. You’d better believe that there is a note in my planner for the 2018 fair to take my Indiana Gourd Society cap, either the brown or the navy blue one. Normally, I would not have two IGS caps, but I surrendered my IGS visor a few years ago to a guy who had a cap but really wanted a visor, and Diane Werblo connected him with me at the Indiana State Fair. Yes, I do have other caps, but it is a matter of principle to promote the IGS whenever I can.

Happy Gourding, and we’ll hope to see you at the IGS membership meeting on October 21 at the Fulton County Historical Society in Rochester, IN. All members will have a chance to take a look at the facility since our May state show will be there.

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Indiana Gourd Society, Inc. - Gourd Seed Order Form

Go to: indianagourdsociety.org - open seed link, click on gourd names for pictures and descriptions.
To ensure accuracy, please fill out this form and send it with payment to the address below.

Qt	Item	Qt	Item	Qt	Item
	01: Apple, SHORT		19: Bottle, CHINESE (8-10" H)		37: Kettle, SMALL (6" W x 9" H)
	02: Apple, TALL		20: Bottle Mix		38: (Out of Stock)
	03: Martin House, SMALL (9"W x 12" H)		21: Dipper, SHORT Handle (12 - 18" long)		39: (Out of Stock)
	04: Martin, Giant (Out of Stock)		22: Dipper, APACHE (flat bottom) (12 - 18" long)		40: Bottle, NIGERIAN - Mini (limited quantity)
	05: Kettle, mix		23: Dipper, LONG Handle (36 - 48" long)		41: Basketball (6 seeds/pk) (limited quantity)
	06: Kettle, African Wine (6 seeds/pk) OUT OF STOCK		24: Dipper, EXTRA LONG HANDLE (48 - 72" long)		42: (Out of Stock)
	07: Bird House, hardshell mix		25: Luffa, LONG		43: Long Gourd (limited quantity)
	08: Bushel, (10-12" H)		26: (Out of Stock)		44: Snake
	09: Bushel, 100+ (Out of Stock)		27: Bottle, MINI (3 - 4" H)		45: Swan/Goose Gourd
	10: (Out of Stock)		28: (Out of Stock)		46: Warty, African (8 - 9" H)
	11: Canteen (8" W x 4" H)		29: (Out of Stock)		47: Penguin
	12: Canteen, Corsican (10" W x 5" H)		30: Bottle, MINI, Taper Top (3 - 5" H)		48: Luffa, BALL
	13: Tobacco Box (taper top) (8" W x 6" H)		31: Round Gourd (taper top) (4" D x 5" H)		49: (Out of Stock)
	14: Canteen, Copper Canyon (Pear shape) (6"W x 8" H)		32: Banana		50: Hard Shell Warty (5 - 6" H)
	15: Maranka		33: Spoon		51: Orange Gourd (3" - Round)
	16: Cannon Ball		34: Spinner		52: Autumn Wings, mixed (limited quantity)
	17: Bat Gourd (30 - 36" long)		35: Crown of Thorns		53: Tall Vase (14 - 16" H)
	18: Bottle, Mexican Water		36: Nest Egg		

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- Sep 9-10: North Carolina 76th Annual Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC.
www.ncgourdsociety.org/festival.htm
- Sep 16-17: Mississippi 7th Annual Gourd Festival, Smith Co. Ag Complex, Raleigh, MS.
www.mississippigourdsociety.org
- Sep 23-24: Georgia Gourd Society's 2017 GourdFest, Kiwanis Building on the fairgrounds, Griffin, GA,
www.georgiagourdsociety.com
- Sep 24-25: Hawaii Gourd Society's 2017 festival, Ipu Lani Farm, Captain Cook, HI,
www.hawaiiigourdsociety.com
- Oct 6-8: Ohio Gourd Show, Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH, www.ohiogourdsociety.com
- Oct 12-15: California Statewide Northern Gourd Art Competition and Exhibit, San Martin, CA,
www.gourdfest.com
- Oct 21-22: California Southern Competition (with Orange Co. Woodcarvers, Santa Ana, CA),
www.ocgourdsociety.org
- Oct 21-22: Alabama Gourd Society 18th annual gourd show, Cullman, AL, www.alabamagourdsociety.org
- Oct 22-23: Idaho Gourd Festival, Wyndham Garden, Boise Airport Hotel, Boise, ID, www.idahogourdsociety.org
- Oct 28-29: Virginia Harvest Festival of Gourds & Heritage Arts, Clarke Co. Fairgrounds, Berryville, VA,
www.vlgs.org/annual-festival.html

Lakeshore Gourders Changes

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Indiana Gourd Society State Gourd Show

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Crafted at Lakeshore Gourder's June meeting.
L. to R.: Tom Benedict, Blanche Murrin, Jerry Miller, Beverly Gerner, Sherry Benedict

Time Zones

We're trying to follow the practice of putting "ET" for Eastern Time and "CT" for Central Time events. If we miss one, contact us for clarification.

NEW EDUCATION ARTICLE

Make and keep a Test Gourd for Future Use

Pat Moore, August, 2017

- Use any shape, medium to large size cleaned gourd.
- Do test areas on it of different products and/or technique you want to try.
- Label the brands and results for future reference.
- **Examples:**
 - ⇒ Use different brands ink pen, draw lines on the gourd.
 - ⇒ Cover/protect part of lines with painters tape.
 - ⇒ Spray with a clear sealer, see what happens, let dry.
 - ⇒ Uncover other lines; spray with a different type, brand, sheen of sealer, workable fixative, etc., see what happens, let dry.
 - ⇒ Continue to do this as needed.
 - ⇒ NOW...go back and mark each line as to pen type used. Then mark what spray type was used.
 - ⇒ You have a permanent record of you products for future reference.
 - ⇒ Did some inks run? Did some sprays work better? Mark the spray cans as to the findings.
- ⇒ **Examples:**
 - ◇ Not for ink
 - ◇ Good for inks
 - ◇ Good for Sharpies
 - ◇ Spray workable fixative first then seal



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